PHONOLOGY

Consonants

stops: p, b, p', t, d, t', k, g, k' ʔ
affricates: tʃ, dʒ, tʃ'
fricatives: f, v, s, z, s', ʃ, ʒ, h
semi-vowels: j, w
nasals: m, n, ɲ, (ŋ)
lateral and flap: l, r;

The emphatics, i.e. glottalized consonants, are notated here as *p̣*, *ṭ*, *ḳ*, *ṣ*; /k'/ is often notated as *q*. Most consonants occur labialized. In the case of the velar series and /h/, this labialization is notated for all vowels by a specific series of graphs; in realization, however, /k°/, /g°/, /k'°/, and /h°/ precede /a/; before other vowels, the labialization tends to be lost.

Vowels

i, e, ɛ, a, ə, u, o

/ɛ/ is notated here as *ä*.

Stress

Very weak.

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